

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

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| 1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: | 5. DATE OF REQUEST: 07/18/13 NEED RESPONSE BY: 6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: San Mateo County 7. SUBJECT: Restaurant Meals Program |
| 2. REQUESTOR NAME: 3. PHONE NO.: 4. REGULATION CITE(S): | 8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). |

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

San Mateo County, Human Services Agency, is considering applying for the Restaurant Meals Program. In doing so, we are mindfully considering how we can successfully manage the program with our limited staff resources. We have thought of initiating the RMP in our county and having a specific business pilot the program with us. The business is located within one of our county offices which serves the majority of our GA/CF Employment and Training participants. It not only serves meals at a cost but gives the participants the opportunity to work within the business. The business is described as follows:

The Catering Connection is a commercial kitchen which is regularly inspected by the health department as any restaurant is. It provides meals to shelters as well as cater private sector events such as weddings and corporate events. We train individuals with barriers to employment and serve our HSA clients as well as the general public.

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

San Mateo County would like to apply for the Restaurant Meals Program and get the state approval to initiate the program with the Catering Connection. We find that in partnership, we can provide these clients with a hot meal but also create more employment opportunities for those E&T participants that also happen to meet the Elderly/Disabled/Homeless criteria.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Any county that wishes to participate in the optional Restaurant Meals Program, must first submit a draft MOU to the Department for approval as outlined in ACIN I-71-11. Once the Department approves the draft MOU, each participating restaurant will need to submit an application, along with the approved draft MOU, to FNS for approval. It is FNS' decision if the restaurant meets the RMP guidelines for participation.

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| DATE RECEIVED: July 19, 2013 | DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: July 30, 2013 |
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